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Pertinent Topics Discussed by H.C.

There is one country not in the least afraid of Nazi bluffing. An order of expulsion from Germany was directed against four Netherlands, charged with political activity. The Netherlands government countered with an order of expulsion of four Germans charged with the same offence. Germany opened negotiations with a threat. The Netherlands government refused to negotiate while the threat remained. Result—a saw-off. The Netherlands stay in Berlin and the Germans stay in the Netherlands. Nazi impudence overreached itself that time. The Third Reich has got away with many bluffs because other nations were afraid to call them for fear of starting something.

You have heard the story (or have you?) about the man who was told that if he would go to a certain street at a certain time, he would see a nude woman riding on a white horse, and he said "You bet I'll go. I haven't seen a white horse for years." We told this to a friend on New Year's Eve and he said "Thash the bunk. I see white horses every day." We argued the thing back and forth with him. We submitted that while what he said might be true, yet he would have to admit there are not so many now as there were before the advent of motor cars. He agreed and the controversy ended with another drink.

Which recalls the school-boy version of the incident about Queen Elizabeth and Sir Walter Raleigh. It said the Queen was riding naked on a white horse in Coventry. Sir Walter, seeing her, took off his cloak and handed it to her, saying: "Thy necessity is greater than mine." The Queen said "Dieu et Mon Droit" which means "My God, you're right."

Good times are here again. If you don't believe it, read advertisements in daily papers where big department stores are offering all sorts of goods for sale on the instalment plan. One store goes farther and says: "No Down Payments," and immediately the others follow suit. This would not happen a while ago when we were all hard up. It happens only when times are better or getting better and the merchandisers think it safe to induce customers to commit themselves to short-distance purchases with long-distance payments. It has advantages but it has also the same perils as buying stocks on margin.

Another evidence of prosperity is the increased business done in the Christmas season as shown by post office revenues. The volume kept up pretty well during the depression, but gifts were inexpensive. This season there was a marked increase in value or at any rate, prices. Hotels and clubs report tips far higher than in any year since '28. The past year has produced a crop of newly-rich, mostly speculators who struck pay-dirt by dabbling in mining shares. A new market is being created for them.

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Vulcan---10 Years Ago

From the Vulcan Advocate of Friday, January 14th, 1927

An item in that issue gives us the information that Mr. L.F. Dawson was both N.G. of the Odd Fellows and W.M. of the Masons in 1927.

All five trophies in the Foothills Curling bonspiel at Vulcan in 1927 were captured by Vulcan rinks—Staveley, Claresholm, High River, Carman-gay and Brant also had rinks entered.

A. J. Ober, who operated a short wave radio station in Vulcan in 1927, had an unusual and interesting experience on January 11th of that year, when he answered a call and found he was in communication with an experimental air station located in a Zeppelin hovering over the Gulf of Mexico.

The Vulcan Men's Curling Club had a membership of over 50 in 1927.

NEW SPEAKER?



Rev. Peter Dawson

M.L.A. for Little Bow, whose name is prominently mentioned as Speaker of the House to succeed Hon. N. E. Tanner. Mr. Dawson has acted as deputy-speaker on several occasions.

M.D. of Royal Meeting

All councillors were present at the regular meeting of the Municipal District of Royal last Saturday afternoon. The secretary presented a statement of receipts and payments for the year, which was approved by the council.

The council decided to pay the balance of the 1936 Municipal Hospital requisition. Reeve Bennett and Councillor Spaeth were appointed to interview the hospital board regarding a discount on the hospital requisition and a lower rate of pay for indigent patients.

A motion passed that relief orders be issued on merchants in Vulcan and in the municipality. A number of relief applications were dealt with and routine bills were passed for payment.

MOTHERS AUXILIARY TO HOLD PARENTS' NIGHT

The regular meeting of the Mothers Auxiliary to the Scouts and Cubs was held at the home of Mrs. O. B. Roe on Wednesday, January 6th. Eleven members were present with Mrs. H. L. Greene, president, presiding. A report of the recent carnival held was given showing a substantial sum realized. It was decided to hold a Parents' Night in the Scout hall shortly. Mrs. J. Wolfe offered her home for the next meeting, to be held on February 3rd. Mrs. O. B. Roe, the hostess, assisted by Mrs. A. Fisher, served a dainty lunch.

VULCAN HOSPITAL NOTES

Patients recently admitted to the hospital and who are recovering nicely are Anita Rutberg, A. D. Sansome, Roy Dignan, Mrs. Irwin and Billy, C. W. Robson, Robert Todd, Ruth McEneaney and J. E. Cowell.

The following donations to the hospital are sincerely appreciated: books from the Aldersyde Sunday school; a ham from Mr. W. D. Allan; balloons from the Sterling Rubber Company; \$12 from the W.I. to be used in any suitable way. The money was used to repair the radio at the hospital, which was greatly appreciated by the patients.

VULCAN W. I. HOLD MEETING

The first meeting of the New Year of the Vulcan Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. W. G. Naylor, with a very good attendance of members. The main business of the meeting was the election of officers.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. G. Monkman; vice-president, Mrs. F. B. Clark; secretary, Mrs. W. G. Naylor; treasurer, Mrs. C. L. Kuykendall; directors, Mrs. R. Monds, Mrs. R. S. Parslow.

Mrs. Marshall moved a vote of thanks to the retiring officers.

The next meeting of the organization will be held at the home of Mrs. Jack Marshall on Friday, February 5th.

Officers Of Clover Leaf Rebekahs Are Installed

At the regular meeting of the Clover Leaf Rebekah Lodge, No. 37, held on Monday evening, January 4th, the newly elected officers for the coming term were installed by P.D.D.P. Mrs. Uretta Melvor and staff. Mrs. E. McMillan acted as Deputy Marshal.

The following officers were installed: N.G., Miss Dora McPherson; V.G., Mrs. Nellie Sperry; R.S., Miss Eleanor Jennijohn; F.S., Miss Mabel McPherson; Treas., Mrs. Alice Lockhart; Chaplain, Miss Gladys Hanson; Warden, Mrs. Margaret McPherson; Conductor, Mrs. Anna Brooks; J.P.N.G., Mrs. Molly Craig; R.S.N.G., Mrs. Ethel Dawson; L.S.N.G., Mrs. Laverne Myers; L.S.V.G., Mrs. Elsie Brown; R.S.V.G., Mrs. E. McMillan; I.G., Mrs. Ruth Parson; O.G., Miss Agnes Spence; Organist, Mrs. U. Melvor.

A pleasant social hour followed the installation. Mrs. Molly Craig, retiring Noble Grand, was presented with a gift from the members of the lodge in recognition of her faithful services. Mrs. Craig very fittingly replied.

Bull Fatally Injures Charles Hamersma

Charles Hamersma Attacked by Bull on Wednesday, Jan. 6th, Dies in Hospital on Friday

An accident with a tragic ending occurred at the farm of D. H. Galbraith, 12 miles south-west of Vulcan, on Wednesday Jan. 6th. Charles Hamersma, aged 52, employed as hired man on the farm, was doing his work in the barn yard when a Jersey bull, owned by Mr. Galbraith, suddenly charged him, knocking him to the ground and rolling him against the barn. He was unable to escape from the beast until Robert Galbraith, hearing his cries for help, drove the bull off with an iron bar. He in turn was attacked but managed to escape by climbing a fence. Hamersma made his way to the house, and although his injuries did not seem serious, an attempt was made to phone for a doctor but the phone line was out of order. The accident occurred about 4:30 in the afternoon and the bull was destroyed that night. On Thursday the injured man felt much better and was able to join the family at the supper table, but the next day his condition was much worse. Dr. Carson was communicated with and Hamersma was rushed to the hospital by sleigh and car. He died very quietly as he was being undressed and an examination disclosed that death was caused by a crushed chest and other internal injuries. No inquest will be held.

An attempt is being made to ascertain whether Mr. Hamersma had any relatives in this country.

Ensign News

Mr. and Mrs. J. Johnson entertained several friends at dinner on Friday evening, Jan. 8th.

Miss E. Brimms and brother have returned to Calgary after spending the past few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. J. Ferguson.

Miss Rita Bourque has returned to Pincher Creek to continue her school studies. During the holiday season she visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Bourque.

The C. W. L. held a card party and dance in the Ensign school Friday evening, Jan. 8th, a record crowd attending. Everyone reported having a good time. Another card party and dance will be held on Friday, Jan. 22nd.

Miss M. Johnson, Ensign teacher, has resumed her school duties after spending the holidays with her parents at Picture Butte.

There are fewer train accidents than car accidents. Some people hold that this is because engine-drivers are not in the habit of putting their arms around firemen's waists.

A Wetaskiwin Social Credit convention taking the stand that Alberta is a sovereign state, urges that the province take steps to deal with currency and credit, irrespective of any altered constitutional difficulties which may be contained in the Bank Act or B.N. A. Act.

M. D. of Harmony Council Appoints Election Officials

Appoint Returning Officers and Poll Clerks for Coming Municipal Election

The regular monthly meeting of the council of the Municipal District of Harmony was held in the municipal office, Champion, on Jan. 7th, with all councillors present and Reeve Griffin presiding. The secretary's monthly statement was adopted.

A motion carried that all relief recipients in December be approved of to receive relief in January. This is in accordance with a new ruling of the government.

John Cain was appointed as returning officer. In Division 4, H. E. Tindall was appointed deputy returning officer and Fred Wise appointed poll clerk. In Division 5, A. McKague and D. B. Smith were appointed as deputy returning officer and poll clerk respectively.

The secretary was instructed to write the Deputy Minister and ascertain what methods to adopt to enforce collections of the Poll Tax.

A discussion arose in respect to the printing of the financial statement and this matter was left in the hands of the reeve and deputy reeve.

Councillor Ellis was appointed to investigate regarding the purchasing of tickets for the Vulcan Municipal Hospital.

Relief matters occupied the attention of the council for the rest of the meeting.

LOCAL HOCKEY SQUAD DEFEATED BY MACLEOD

Last Thursday, Jan. 7th, the Vulcan Ford V-8's entertained the Macleod Arctic at the local arena and came out on the short end on a 5-3 score. This was the second home game of the season and some good hockey was displayed. Both teams showed lots of room for improvement, but the game was fast and pleasing to the spectators' viewpoint. As the season advances the local V-8's should enjoy good support from the Vulcan hockey fans. Norman Love scored two goals for the local puck-chasers and W. Hamilton and A. Graham starred for the visitors.

The Line-ups

Macleod: Arties—Jacobs; B. Hamilton, MacIntosh, Ainscough; J. Graham A. Graham, Celli; W. Hamilton, Kennedy, Townsend.

Vulcan Ford V-8's—Lundgren; McRae, McArthur, Harper; Craig, Campbell, N. Love; Thomas, Thompson, I. Love; Graham.

Referees—J. Brucher and C. Field.

Game Summary

1st Period—1, Vulcan, N. Love (Craig) 10:15; 2, Macleod, Celli (W. Hamilton) 16:23.

Penalty—Thomas.

2nd Period—3, Macleod, A. Graham 10:17; 4, Vulcan, McRae (Thompson) 16:40; 5, Vulcan, N. Love (Campbell) 17:10; 6, Macleod, W. Hamilton (Celli) 18:32. Penalty—McArthur.

3rd Period—7, Macleod, Kennedy (W. Hamilton) 8:27; 8, Macleod, A. Graham (Townsend) 11:30. Penalty: Thomas.

Mrs. Elizabeth Peterson Celebrates 94th Birthday

To Mrs. Elsie "Grandma" Peterson, who is probably the oldest resident of the district, the Advocate extends heartiest congratulations and good wishes on the attainment of her 94th birthday, Wednesday, January 13th.

Mrs. Peterson was born in Denmark coming to America at the age of 22. She settled in Wisconsin, where she was later married. She has four living children, Mrs. W. F. Jennijohn, Vulcan; Mrs. E. Shaw, Portland, Ore.; W. G. and Martin Peterson, Calgary. There are seven grandchildren.

Mrs. Peterson is an oldtimer in the Vulcan district, coming here in 1910. She lived for a number of years with her son, W. G. Peterson, on his farm at Grandview. For the last several years Mrs. Peterson has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. W. F. Jennijohn, Vulcan.

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ASSOCIATE MINISTER



Jasper Bogue

Provincial Evangelist for the Churches of Christ in Alberta, who, as associate minister, will conduct the services at the Vulcan Church of Christ during the absence of Rev. E. G. Hansell, M.P.

Mixed Bonspiel Soon

The first mixed bonspiel of the season will start next Monday. All entries must be in by Saturday, Jan. 16th. Members will be charged 25 cents and nonmembers double that amount and a large number are expected to enter. Two rinks from Brant visited the local club Wednesday in an attempt to lift the Canton Challenge cup. At the time of writing the result of the games is not known.

The Ladies' Curling club organized recently, with four rinks being formed. Mrs. Errett King was elected president by acclamation. Mrs. T. B. Lebeau was elected vice-president and Mrs. Wm. Mackintosh was re-elected as secretary-treasurer. Instead of different competitions being held, as in the past, total points will count this year to decide the winners of the various cups and prizes.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Robinson were week end visitors at Granum.

Miss Gertrude Martin has returned home after visiting at Nelson, B.C. for the past few months.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Clark celebrated the 25th anniversary of their marriage on Sunday, January 11th.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Jamison are leaving this week for New York City where they will spend a few weeks.

The ladies of St. Aldhelm's Guild will hold a Valentine tea and sale of home cooking on Saturday, Feb. 13th from three to five p.m. in the Anglican church hall.

When visiting D. H. Galbraith's farm, the scene of the accident last week, it took Corp. Naylor of the R.C.M.P., accompanied by A. G. Spaeth, seven and one-half hours to make the twelve mile trip. Blocked roads made it impossible to get through.

In its issue of December 31st, the Advocate published an item asking for information concerning the whereabouts of George S. Howard, formerly employed on a farm in this district. A local citizen, reading the item, gave the desired information to the R.C.M.P. and Mr. Howard was thus located. His father had not heard from him for nine years, yet this one little item gave the desired results within a week after it was published.

From the Observer, Calgary Herald—"I have yet to hear any convincing argument defending the right of money as a commodity to occupy a fixed value position when all other commodities are subject to changing values. It is a state of affairs which I believe to be basically wrong. If I am right in that belief it just means that with every return of periods of economic strain, so long as we continue to give money a preferred commodity position, we shall have a recurrence of our present state of financial chaos."

Town To Hold Tax Sale In February

Only Routine Business at Postponed Meeting of Town Council

At the meeting of the town council held in the town office last Thursday, it was decided to hold a tax sale of all properties not under consolidation. Any property included in the tax sale will be permitted to go under consolidation. The sale will probably be held in February.

A. J. Flood, secretary-treasurer, was appointed returning officer for the coming town election, which will be held on Monday, February 8th. The previous Monday, February 1st, is nomination day. Four councillors and the mayor are to be elected.

The council donated the sum of \$25 to the Central Relief committee. \$2.00 per day was established as the rate to be charged outside municipalities for the use of the isolation hospital.

Vulcan High School Wins From Nanton

First High School League Game Played at Vulcan Last Week

The Vulcan High School turned out a surprise brand of hockey to defeat Nanton 4-3 in last Wednesday's game. It was Vulcan's first league game this season, and the boys more than fulfilled expectations with a performance that was both fast and clean. They passed smoothly and back-checked hard on every play. Referee "Curly" Peacock handed out only two penalties. Both went to Matlock for checking too close to the boards.

Vulcan had a decided edge on the play. Willard, Weal and Glen Fisher scored. Only the brilliant performance of L. Bridget in the Nanton net held the score down and allowed his team to overcome a 3-1 lead, and force the game into overtime. B. Bridget accounted for all three of Nanton's goals.

The locals' boys really turned on the heat in the extra period, and Willard got the deciding counter after four minutes of play.

Vulcan's next home game is January 20, when they meet High River.

Nantou—Jones, Caspell, B. Bridget, Kinney, Fetherston, DeBow Falkland, Keeley, L. Bridget.

Vulcan—Naylor, Parslow, Matlock, Monkman, Weale, K. Fisher, Willard, G. Fisher, MacFarlane, Woodward, Spaeth.

ANGLICAN CHURCH NOTES

Regrets are expressed to those who anticipated a church service last Sunday. Mr. Winter was not sufficiently recovered to lead in worship.

Sunday, January 17th, Canon Merivick of Claresholm has promised to face storm and drift in order that there may be Evensong at 7:30 p.m.

Immediately after this service the annual meeting of Parishioners will be held. A full attendance is requested.

Seen and Heard Around Town

An enthusiastic curler informs us that the curling club even presents a free floor show now, with two of our local lady curlers doing a "strip" act, or at least the beginning of one.

If you want to hear how cold a person can get while curling ask Fred Anderson. He has some pleasant memories of the Stavely bonspiel.

Mayor King is always the first out with a shovel after a snowfall. He has even worked up to the extent of clearing half the street crossings.

"I hope that my Redeemer liveth." This was the silent prayer typed on a Prosperity Certificate taken in by a local store this week.

Norman Lockhart still trying to establish a two-way communication system with Calgary. Just stick to the sending, Norm, then you can send what you like with no comebacks.

Please Telephone 36 If Anyone...

- ▶ Elopes
- ▶ Dies
- ▶ Gets married
- ▶ Has guests
- ▶ Goes away
- ▶ Has a party
- ▶ Has a fire
- ▶ Is ill
- ▶ Makes a speech
- ▶ Has a new baby
- ▶ Buys a business
- ▶ Has an accident
- ▶ Wins a prize
- ▶ Builds a house
- ▶ Receives an award
- ▶ Holds a meeting
- ▶ Or takes part in any unusual event

It's All News
and We Want It! Phone 36

The Weekly Newspaper Association of Ontario, has met the legislature to urge that after each session a digest of legislation be presented in the form of government advertising for publication in weeklies.

At the convention of Alberta Liberals held on Saturday in Calgary, the proposal to fuse with other parties in joining of an no-party government was rejected.

VULCAN MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL

NOTICE

Hospital Service Tickets

All Service Tickets for 1936 expired on December 31st and can only be renewed up to Feb. 15th, 1937. Holders of Tickets in the Hospital District during 1936 who do not purchase a Service Ticket in 1937 but apply for one in 1938, will be required to pay for both 1937 and 1938.

Tickets may be purchased at the Hospital or from

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ELEVEN POINTS

The announcement of the eleven main proposals of the Social Credit planning committee is bound to cause discussion and speculation, despite the fact that Premier Aberhart advises that no one take it too seriously at the moment. It stands however, as the suggestion of the advisory committee, and will have to be adopted to some extent if Social Credit plans are to be made effective.

These eleven points commit the province to such an upset of old methods such a confusion of business that the \$5.00 a month dividend does not seem worth it. A great proportion of the people, aside from those who might get jobs out of all the new machinery, would probably prefer to let the whole experiment drop.

The prosperity certificates, though a very modest precedent for dividends, have had rather a doleful history, and certainly were not a success, on the government's own admission.

The monthly dividend set at \$5.00 is not much of a lure. It is like the mountain which was in travail, and brought forth a mouse. For that consideration, Alberta would divorce itself from the normal flow of business between provinces. Farmers would be expected to sell their products to a provincial wholesale house and accept Alberta money. The wholesale would then do outside selling and outside buying for Canadian currency.

It is hard to imagine that individualist, the farmer, accepting such a ruling. He would prefer to depend on his own judgment in regard to buying and selling, and collect his own Canadian currency. It is likely he would do much better than by depending on the judgment of government appointed agencies. Moreover the establishment of such a wholesale, is an imposition from the top, not a response to any concerted demand from the people. To what extent such a system would interfere with existing wholesales and existing business is another question.

The retail price discount system, insofar as it is understood, would probably multiply the labors of the retailer, to an extent not covered by the \$5.00 a month dividend.

The interjection of Alberta money into all phases of provincial dealings sounds dangerous. It would enter retail dealing, wholesale dealing, payment of debts, payment for farm products and so on, effectively cutting us off from normal intercourse and relations that other provinces would continue to enjoy.

The Alberta Social Credit House conjures up visions of an army of amateur talent learning the banking business at the expense of the province. In fact the main impression left by the eleven proposals for Social Credit is horror upon hordes of employees creating ghastly confusion in all lines of economic life—at our expense. We would pay them salaries for this multiplication of machinery, this 'bureaucracy surpassing' anything ever conceived. And in return, those who signed the covenant would receive \$5.00 a month in Alberta credit.

CATTLE INTERESTS

Some time ago when cattle were disposed of in large numbers, a local cattleman spoke of the necessity of up-to-the-minute information on the market. At that time false rumors that the U.S. quota had been filled were spread through the ranch country, resulting in the sale of stock at lower price than would have obtained if the owners had known certainly that the quota was not filled.

If daily information to producers had been available by radio and press, it would have safeguarded the interests of livestock owners. It was suggested at that time that the Dominion government could and should provide this service, in order to protect and inform the livestock industry.

NOTES & COMMENTS

Broomhall estimates that importing countries will demand 568 million bushels this year, with Canada getting out of this about 216 million.

France has mapped plans for occupation of Spanish Morocco, and French Moroccan armies could occupy Spanish zone in 36 hours, say press reports. British troops might be expected to fill any gaps left in France by removal of troops.

Italy is pressing wheat growing and is said to have an acute food problem. There are fewer train accidents than car accidents. Some people hold that this is because engine-drivers are not in the habit of putting their arms around firemen's waists.

Training the Professionals

According to an Ottawa despatch, Indians are to be trained as hunters. That's funny. It's like teaching Jack Drumheller or Joe Hunt to play bridge, poker or tennis.

For a Rainy Day

An Alvinston man who slept in a bed with a dishpan beside it to catch the water that dripped from the roof was found to have a hoard of more than \$52,000. Probably it was laid by for a rainy day.—Toronto Globe and Mail.

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In contrast to the spasmodic information available to the owners of livestock, is the systematic publication of grain news. Wheat conditions the world over are reviewed for the benefit of those interested, and market trends are daily news. There is no reason why the field of animal husbandry could not be covered with the same thoroughness.

If the cattle industry in all its phases were brought before the public more constantly, it might also develop an awareness of its importance, and the importance of quality.

It is amongst the ranch cattle that quality is more generally found. Owners have made careful selection of bulls, and have built up their herds with a view to obtaining top prices. But unfortunately range cattle represent only fifteen per cent. of the cattle population in the West. The other eighty-five per cent. varies too widely in quality, to be profitable to the owners or an asset to the country.

It is believed that the disposal of inferior stock through processing has done something to remove animals that do not pay for wintering. But farm journals express surprise that more advantage is not taken of government assistance by the small owner either of beef or dairy cattle.

For years the Dominion Livestock Branch has been distributing fine bulls throughout the country at small cost to the farmer, in order to build up a better type of stock. Groups of farmers are assisted by the Dominion in obtaining the use of such bulls. Whether full advantage is taken of this assistance is doubtful. At any rate the opinion seems to be that the run of Canadian cattle is scarcely as good as it was thirty years ago.

THE MEN IN CONTROL

In gazing on the pictures of Hitler and Mussolini, which appear so frequently in the press, one is appalled by the power centered in dictators. They are merely human, subject to the ailments, indigestions and headaches of ordinary human beings. Yet in them is vested a control, that should not be allotted to any one, subject to the frailties and disabilities of human flesh. Power vested in one individual can wreck the world.

Such men, translated to eminence, still are men. They must in the nature of things, have personal weaknesses and prejudices. They may have domestic trouble. Their lives may go wrong. They may have insomnia or any of the handicaps which distress their lesser brethren, and which have inevitable influence on the mental outlook, and on decisions which must be made. To what extent is the work at the mercy of the physical and mental moods of the men who must frame policies and make laws. How many of the fighting speeches are the result of a bad stomach ache rather than calm reasoning. One wonders how many times a good night's sleep and a digestible breakfast have saved nations from hasty, disastrous action.

The same suspicion hovers over all prominent men who have to make decisions affecting seriously the lives of others. Judges for instance should be compelled to pass exacting tests for physical as well as judicial fitness.

It is difficult if not impossible to divorce the body from the mind, and biographies are full of the influence which private life has had upon public affairs. The same mind and the healthy body are most sorely needed to direct the world today. Have the leaders the full qualifications?

WHEAT BOARD FALLS DOWN

(From Farm and Ranch Review)

The worst feature of the whole situation, however, is not the sacrifice of wheat accumulations, but the elimination of the Wheat Board from participation in marketing during the present crop year. It will be remembered that the Board was not permitted to accept wheat from producers. Consequently the farmers had to sell their grain on the open market. The crop was delivered with extreme rapidity this year and the need of money compelled only too many farmers to sell earlier in the season. Thus these farmers will not have an opportunity of participating in the price increase which developed recently.

This was one year when the Wheat Board could have rendered real service to the western farmer. The Wheat Board of the west brought the strongest kind of pressure to bear on the government, pointing out the possibilities, but unavailing. The Board was established to protect the western wheat farmers and aid them in getting better prices for their product. In this particular year, when it might have rendered excellent service the Board is, "as idle as a painted ship upon a painted ocean." Other people will reap benefits from increasing wheat prices, but not the man who produced the wheat and who needs the money the most. It is the old, old story.

Goodyear Extra Dividend of \$2.50 on Common Stock

Surplus Adequate to Cover Future Requirements

In a letter to Common stock holders of Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. of Can., Ltd., the President, Mr. A. G. Partridge says:

"We are enclosing a cheque which covers both the regular dividend of 63c per share payable in respect of your Common shareholdings for the last quarter of 1936 and an extra dividend of \$2.50 per share, which was practically all earned during 1936. The Company's present earned surplus seems entirely adequate to cover everything foreseen in the near future, and, therefore, we believe it advisable to distribute among the Common shareholders the balance of the 1936 earnings, after payment of dividends on the Preferred stock. Any small portion of the additional dividend not earned during 1936 will be taken from surplus."

From the Observer, Calgary Herald: "I have yet to hear any convincing argument defending the right of money as a commodity to occupy a fixed value position when all other commodities are subject to changing values. It is a state of affairs which I believe to be basically wrong. If I am right in that belief it just means that with every return of periods of economic strain, so long as we continue to give money a preferred commodity position, we shall have a recurrence of our present state of financial chaos."

PEACE ON EARTH

Europe has had 286 wars in the last 300 years.

In 3,358 years of this world's history, there have been only 228 years of peace.

In 3,000 years more than 8,000 peace treaties have been adopted to remain in force forever, and their average duration has been two years.

The peace of Europe after the Great War, broken by the Ethiopian and Spanish Civil Wars, was not from a historic standpoint, a brief lull between fighting, but a peace of notable length.

The Great War cost more in men and wealth than any other war and the Spanish Civil War is one of the bloodiest and most cruel of history.

The facts are they are getting more expert at the horrible business and why should they not after centuries of experience?—Eastern Chronicle.

Perennial Crisis

Undoubtedly, some of the "tension" in Europe has been created by harassed news editors, who, less than an hour before press time, with hope of news breaks nearer home abandoned, reach for their foreign budgets as a last resort. It is no coincidence that Europe has been a state of crisis only when there was no better news to hand. Europe just happens to be the story to fall back upon. But is it not a little unfortunate that the editors have not sent their reporters out to find more human interest in what the Canadian people are saying and doing during these days of march toward prosperity and thus to keep the European "crisis" where it belongs—somewhere around page two or three? A crisis that becomes chronic certainly is not worth the many eight-column streamers it gets.—Financial Post.

Here, Everywhere With Other Papers

Good Lloyd Risk

Today, according to newspaper reports, Lloyds will not accept insurance against war for any countries in the world except Canada and the United States.

Truly, the civilized world has gone to pot. Like little boys who stand in their own yards hurling insults at one another, the great powers bicker among themselves of small affairs and disturb the peace of the world.

Only Canada and the United States, according to Lloyds, are minding their own business, trying to improve their lot and working out their destiny. But how long can we remain immune from the martial fever that surround us?—Kamloops Sentinel.

Church Support

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Pertinent Topics

(By H. C.)

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They are still discussing in the United States whether newspapers have influence where Roosevelt won handily with at least 65 per cent. of the newspapers against him. It is of more consequence to determine which percentage was right. Many papers can argue with Al. Smith that if they were right in supporting the Rooseveltian programme of 1932 they were right also in opposing his programme of 1936. Ninety-five per cent. of the Alberta newspapers opposed Mr. Aberhart in 1935; yet he won a sweeping victory. They can argue that time alone can tell whether they were right or wrong. There is this to be said about the papers that supported Landon. Nearly all of them knew they

were on the wrong side. And there is this to be said of those that supported Roosevelt—every one of them knew it was on the winning side.

One day, about two months ago, the rebels could have taken Madrid with little resistance but missed the chance. There is some dispute as to the blame, but there was poor staff work or perhaps the language difficulty which is bound to be in armies composed of Italians, Germans, Spaniards and other nationalities. One observer says that Franco waited for a junction with another force the commander of which waited for instructions from Franco. A similar mischance in British naval history is recorded in verse.

Lord Chatham, with his sabre drawn stood waiting for Sir Richard Strahan, Sir Richard eager to be at 'em, festive occasions.

One writer whom we amateurs stood waiting for the Earl of Chatham

Lloyd George would rather be wrong than be on the side of Baldwin. Having had ample time to think over it he wires Edward, Duke of Windsor, a message expressive of abhorrence of the shabby treatment he had received as King. The Welshman had in mind, no doubt, the shabby treatment he himself had received as leader of a government dependent upon his political opponents for a precarious existence. It rangles, but a statesman should not allow resentment to influence his decision on important public issue. Asquith had quite as much reason to feel that he was shabbily treated by Lloyd George as Lloyd George has to feel that he was shabbily treated by Baldwin; more indeed for he and Asquith belonged to the same party and Asquith had taken him into his Cabinet.

A despatch from Ottawa intimates that the revenue may exceed the estimate. We can always be sure the expenditure will do likewise.

When Lloyd George says that Edward was shabbily treated, he contradicts Edward's radio farewell in which he said he was treated with great consideration.

Automobile insurance companies found Christmas and New Year's anything else but merry and happy for themselves, because of the damage claims that came in after each holiday. Weather conditions had something to do with it, but drinking had more. We doubt if there is any value in warning people who drink not to drive, or them who drive not to drink. We have given this warning already and have pointed out that we are not giving advice we do not act upon—we do not drive a car.

This brings up the question: does insurance make drivers less careful? Would accidents be fewer if policies did not include Christmas and New Year's Day in the reckoning? We should like to see it tested. One thing is dead sure, insurance rates could be decreased if the policies did not cover a distinguished authority on the subject points out that men who seldom take a drink will do so on birthday and new year celebrations. Unlike the hardened toppers they do not know their capacity. He hints that the excess of accidents on such decisions is caused by them. He may be right. At any rate we would not presume to contradict him. A novice may well hesitate to take up the cudgels against an expert.

Defends British Inconsistency

(From Morning Albertan)

Part of an address given by Dr. Lin Yu-Tang, Ph.D., before the Mid-Pacific Association in Shanghai and reprinted from World Review.

I am going to speak about England in particular, for several reasons. First, because as a Chinese, I feel all foreigners in China are Englishmen. The International Settlement in Shanghai is known among the Chinese as the "British Settlement," and we are probably right. Secondly, because the English show more sense and less sensibility. I would at any time twist the British lion's tail rather than pinch the whiskers of a Japanese marine. The British lion has a better sense of humor. And thirdly, because I feel I understand England better, I feel the spirit of the English people is more akin to the spirit of the Chinese people, for both nations are worshippers of realism and common sense.

There are many points of similarity between the English and the Chinese in their modes of speech. Both peoples have a profound distrust of logic and are extremely suspicious of arguments that are too perfect. We believe that when an argument is too logical it cannot be true. And both countries are gifted more at doing the right thing than at giving happy reasons for doing them.

All Englishmen love a good liar, and so do the Chinese. We love to call a thing by anything except its right name. Of course, there are many points of dissimilarity (the Chinese are more emotional, for instance), and the Chinese and English sometimes exasperate each other, but I am digging at the roots of our racial make-up.

Now it is very difficult to appreciate this quality of English greatness, and I propose to initiate you into the beauties of it. The English nation has been misunderstood, and it takes a Chinese to understand the English racial character properly.

The English people have been accused of hypocrisy, inconsistency, a genius for muddling through, and a notorious lack of logic. I am making a defence of English inconsistency and English common sense. In order to appreciate England, one has to have a certain contempt for logic.

A nation with a robust common sense is not a nation that does not think, but rather has subjugated its thinking to its instinct for life and made it harmonious with it. Thinking of this type profits from the instinct for life, but is never against it. Too much thinking will bring about mankind's destruction. The English people think, too, but never allow themselves to be lost in their own thought and logical abstractions.

That is the greatness of the English mind, and the reason for England's ability always to do the right thing at the right moment. It is also the reason for the English ability to fight the right war on the right side from the Spanish Armada to the Napoleonic wars, down to the Crimean War, the Great World War, and the Italo-Abyssinian War. She always fought the right war and always called it by the wrong name—by giving wrong reasons for it.

That is the reason for England's amazing power and vitality. You may call it "muddling through" and inconsistency and hypocrisy. At the bottom of it all is the English robust common sense and a level-headed instinct for life.

Take the amazing British Empire, for example, still the greatest empire of the world. How did the English people do it? By the entire absence of logical reasoning. The greatness of the British Empire is based, you may say, on English sportsmanship, English endurance, English guts and the incorruptibility of English judges. All that is true, but there is a greater reason: the greatness of the British Empire is based on the English lack of cerebration; the lack of cerebration or insufficient cerebration, produces more conviction, and moral conviction produces moral strength.

The British Empire is based on the Englishman being so cocksure of himself and his own superiority. No nation can go about conquering the world, unless it is quite sure of its "civilizing" mission. The moment, however, you begin to think and see something in the other nation or the other fellow and his ways, your moral conviction leaves you and your empire collapses.

The British Empire still stands today because the Englishman still believes that his ways are the only correct way, and he cannot tolerate anybody that does not conform to his standards.

Yet if you think that this is mere thickheadedness and there is nothing more to it than a merely negative virtue, consider the other side of the picture. Certainly the development of the British Empire was unprecedented in

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Defends Brit. Inconsistency

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mankind's history, and certainly such an Empire could not be held together merely by an absence of logic.

In the hands of any other nation, the British Empire would have fallen by its own weight, for the problem of holding an Empire from Australia to Canada together would have taxed the most statesmanlike minds. Only the English mind could have solved it and it did so by inventing the British Commonwealth. I don't know how the English people discovered the formula, but somehow or other they have discovered it or stumbled into it by their sheer commonsense and capacity for adjustment to realities.

Or take the case of the English language is today the nearest equivalent to an international language. How did the English people do it? By an equally absurd absence of logic, by the

sheer stubbornness of the Englishman in refusing to speak anybody else's language.

The English form of government is in itself a contradiction, a monarchy in name and a democracy in reality, and somehow the English people do not feel any conflict in it. England is already a socialist state today, taxing her aristocracy out of their landed estates and castles—without their calling it by that name—and England may in a short time turn laborite; but one feels the process will take place so smoothly that there will be no violent shake-up. I feel confident that the basis of English democracy will stand the strain of any crisis it may have to pass through, just by its sheer dogged sense of reality, and a kind of robust animal instinct for life.

And so there goes the Englishman, with his umbrella and unshamed of his language but his own, demanding marmalade in an African jungle and unable to forgive his boy for not producing holly and a plum pudding in an African desert on Christmas Eve, so sure of himself, so terribly cocksure of himself, and so terribly decent. In fact, he has gone round conquering the world with that bluff and that cheekiness, and his success in doing so is his best justification.

Of course, there is something in it. His soul is not such bad stuff and his cheekiness is not just side and airs. I sometimes feel that the Bank of England can never fall just because the English people believe so, that it cannot be closed simply because "it isn't done."

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(From Lethbridge Herald)

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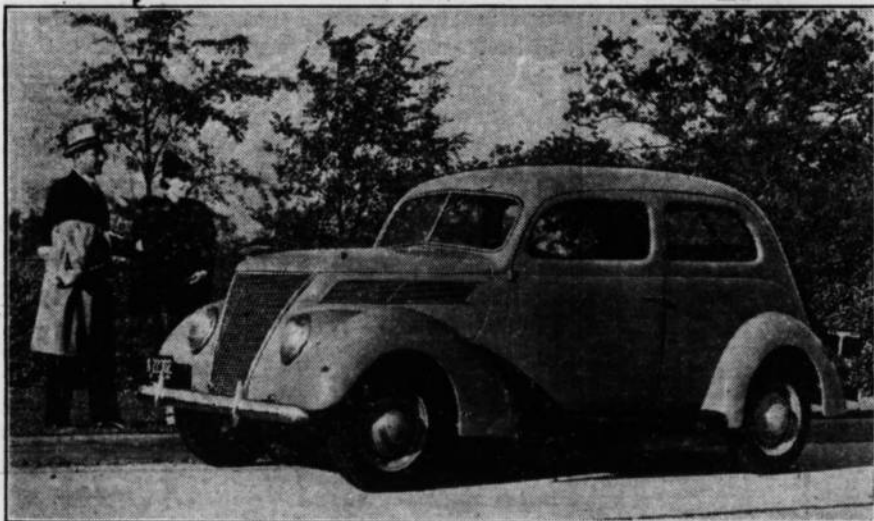
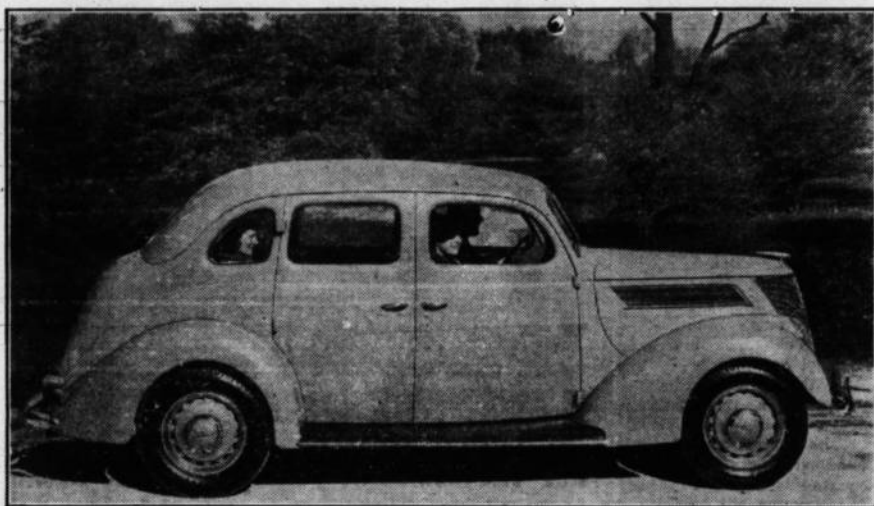
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Ancient Struggle Going On In Spain

(From V. S. Pritchett, Christian Science Monitor)

A view to the underlying forces in the Spanish Revolution is given in a recent Christian Science Monitor.

"To understand what is happening in Spain, one has to think on two planes simultaneously. On the one hand the history of the nineteenth century is being repeated. You have a struggle of large sections of the Spanish people to free themselves from the political domination of the Catholic church, the army and a feudal oligarchy, and to emerge into the modern world.

"On the other hand, you have Europe once more choosing Spain as the battleground for two rival ideologies, Fascist and Democratic, and enacting a repetition of the Peninsular war of 1812. Only now there are two Napoleons, Hitler and Mussolini, and so far there is no sign of an English Wellington.

Every day these powers have gone a little deeper into the Spanish conflict. The non-intervention pact did not seriously check them from sending modern war material into Spain and bodies of trained men too. Unofficial regiments from all over Europe have been fighting on both sides. It is undoubtedly true that the dictators of Europe, frightened by the new and terrific weapons of modern war, have hit on the compromise of trying out these weapons and fighting their quarrels in backward countries like Spain and Ethiopia, knowing modern war would be ruinous to a crowded, industrialized state.

"Nothing could be more misleading than to call the civil war a struggle between Reds and Fascists. The religion and temperament of Spaniards have given them a passion for reactionary governments, an almost passionate desire to be outside the European current. But the influx of European ideas and coming of the machine has given immense force to the growing number of people in Spain who wish to free themselves from the traditions of a feudal economy and mind which starves and stifles. Illiteracy holds 70 per cent. of the population in some regions. The humble population demands a share in the additional wealth which the already rich had got from what modern developments had introduced.

"General Franco represents the attempt of the old system to save itself from complete destruction. He was determined as the army has always been in the past, to supplant the legal government and prevent changes which would affect interests and beliefs of the established order.

"But the division of interests is not simple. Every statement has to be qualified. There is not one Spain, but many, every region with different climatic and economic features, a nation. Local patriotism is so intense that villages in the same neighborhoods are strangers.

"Franco claimed to represent the party of religion, but many fervently Catholic Basques fight him beside the anti-clericals. Galicians, traditionally moderate, fight against him. The poor peasantry of the Bourgeois find themselves fighting in the cause of the landowners. Not all the poor are with the government; nor all the rich with Franco. And Franco, the devout Catholic, has imported Moslems into his motley forces, to defeat the armies of democracies.

"The modernized regions, most in contact with the outside world, are on the government side. I think they are fighting for freedom from government centralized in the economically decadent plateau of Castile. This is why

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the revolutionary forces are federalist, and why General Franco is centralist.

"For years a revolutionary situation has existed in Spain, because there had been no gradual distribution of wealth, no rise of a substantial middle class. Toleration cannot exist in such a world of economically extreme forces. Spain was not bled by the world war in men or substance, but grew rich. These riches were not distributed among the population.

"No one can doubt that left to themselves, the Spanish people would defeat Franco, who may control large territories, but who rules a tepid and terrorized population. The government on the other hand has had the mighty fervor of a crusade. Franco can win only a long war of extermination because Catalians, Valencians and Basques are fighting for their soil.

"General Franco will have to distribute rewards. Has he promised the Moors independence—Then France will make trouble. Has he promised them nothing? Then they have learned they can defeat white men in battle, and a weak Spain cannot handle Morocco against a strong foreign power. Spain will have to do what Italy demands.

"If the Government wins, a nationalist highly armed Spain may be expected, with a willingness to do as France requires in Morocco, and a tendency to play England and Italy against each other. With Russia in alliance, the key to the anti Fascist lock will be given a double turn in the Straits of Gibraltar. If Spain is acting in co-operation with Italian Mediterranean policy, we may see a revival of the old campaign for return of Gibraltar."

The Advocate will be pleased to receive items for the local columns regarding visitors, entertainments, parties leaving for holidays or short trips, bridge parties, teas, etc.

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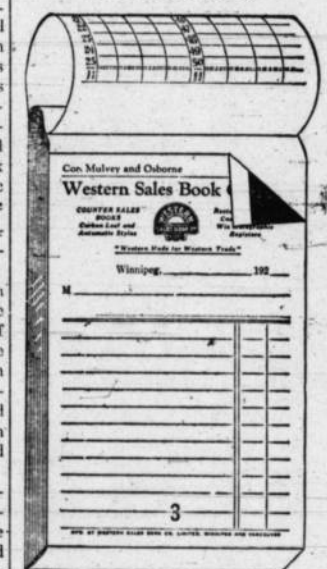
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